

Heritage Middle School PTSA Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2010

Call to Order: President Lauren Hoffman called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Welcome.

12 people were in attendance:

Geae Dutson	Lisa Ford
Lauren Hoffman	Joe Kacsandi
Debbie Leskowitz	Kandi Murdock
Amber Nickels	Earl Rahm
Rocky Sanguinetti	Sara Schumacher
Karen Spiller	Chris J. Volpe

President's Report: Facts at a Glance. Reflections Timeline.

Treasurer's Report: No bill yet for Book Fair or Spirit Wear. Has the money deposited, but not 100% sure what is membership and what's spirit wear. Book Fair money was only \$10 off last year. Scrip orders are really due 10/18 or 10/19. We will combine Scrip orders for November and December.

We need to decide if we're going to reward a 2011 or 2012 Heritage MS scholarship. For the most part, paperwork for scholarship is already done by Parent Council.

Motion to institute scholarship for Heritage Student graduating in 2011.

1st - Debbie, 2nd - Lisa

It was decided the committee will consist of a counselor, teachers, and parents.

Requests for teacher grants are coming in. Can we use the Battle of the Books money somewhere else?

Still had some discussion about End of Year Parties. We may switch the 6th and 7th grade parties, although we're waiting to see how the new science standards align with what grade.

We're having a restaurant fundraiser on November 16 at Old Bag of Nails. The fundraiser lasts all day, and you need to tell your server you're there to support Heritage MS.

Minutes: The September minutes were approved. We will be getting the approved minutes to Tracie to upload to the website. Motion to approve minutes: 1st - Karen, Minutes were seconded, and the meeting began.

Principal Report and Building Updates: Wrapping up the Continuous Improvement Plan, and will be complete by the end of the week. SMART goals will be published soon. Sending newsletter the end of October which will have data received and more precise summary of goals.

The building Teaching and Learning committee is confirming effective use of time and Professional Development ensuring we are teaching the 21st century learning skills. Committee is thinking about changing schedule to included period for study skills, READS (a **draft** of ideas was given to us), and Renaissance. Mr. Kacsandi wants each HS to know a student is from Heritage just by looking at him/her.

Skill sets/intervention per subject will also be included. What kind of communication is appropriate to get the word out and opinions about the new program?

83 different countries are represented in the Westerville City Schools. We have to ensure people's differences and cultures are being accepted for who they are. The goal is to help overall kids behaviorally, socially, and academically. We want to go beyond the basic needs of food, love, and safety.

Chris would like the communication to be consistent, persistent, and transparent. How are we going to involve parents, beyond folks in this room? How are we going to achieve civic/community involvement? Get feedback on READS.

Central HS is having a Parent Empowerment seminar next week at Central (10/21).

How do we get parents and students to after school programs? Have food, concerts, Renaissance and Heritage rewards, TopDog.

Mr. Thuman is looking into wreath laying at Arlington National Cemetery.

Assistant Principal's Report: Entertainment Books sold well. 40 to 50 orders still in teacher's lounge. We made \$8500 to 9000 on them. Rocky is going to research if we can get the Entertainment Books cheaper.

Lisa has done awesome on the magazine sale! We've already have sold 250 - 260 subscriptions. Heritage gets 40% of profit. The number might be greater than 300 with reach out booklets. Hoping to make \$3000 - 4000.

Teacher Appreciation: Amber - PTSA volunteers and parents will provide lunch on Thursday during SAP from 11 - 12. She needs volunteer list emailed to her and it was suggested she visit the Yahoo Group.

School Socials: October 29, 2010. NO costumes. Wear Heritage colors. Get \$1 off ticket price if donate food to WARM or something for Collection for Troops. D.J. from Capital City Sound. Food - Pizza, Pop, Water, Juice. Donate baked goods and snack-sized candy bars.

Bingo in music room, games (corn hole, ladder ball) outside gym, photo booth to be manned by parents. Karen will need to get \$100 gift cards to Sam's Club and GFS.

Each homeroom is Fill a Bag/Build a Flag for Veteran's Day. For every donation to the troops, homeroom gets to add a puzzle piece to build a flag on their wall. Will have speakers (hopefully some alumni) for Veteran's Day.

Husky Den is still a work in progress.

Book Fair: \$10 less than last year. Send Scholastic a check for \$2,454.61 along with credit card receipts. Cash profit - \$865.52. Mr. Kacsandi will be checking calendar to schedule spring book fair and get with Rocky.

Reflections: Theme is: Together we can... Mrs. Connick and Mrs. Pellington doing Reflections foot work. Confirm due date to families. Made early to make sure copies and presentations are correct. Rocky has 2 judges already, and she's working on getting more.

Membership: Up to 253. Staff at 40. Got Early Bird reward. Window decal to hang in office. Lisa will write a note for the newsletter. Yahoo Group will post documents. We'll have to see if we can put a link up at the Heritage Middle School website.

Volunteers: Need more office volunteers.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 9 at 5:00.